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Secretary Tommy Thompson
US Dept of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Ave SW
Washington DC 20201

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Dear Secretary Thompson,

As a concerned homemaker, I am writing to you to urge the Department of Health and Human Services to place a moratorium on the FDA's approval of irradiated foods.

Additionally I am requesting that the Department appoint an independent panel of experts, who have no relationship with the FDA's food irradiation approval process or to the food irradiation industry, to re-examine the full body of research into the safety of eating irradiated food, and to support new research into the toxicity of unique radiolytic products prior to the approval of new foods.

The Department of Health and Human Services' mission is to protect the health of Americans and also to serve as a brake on corporate efforts to expand profits at the expense of our health and well-being. Please fulfill this mandate and support a moratorium on irradiated foods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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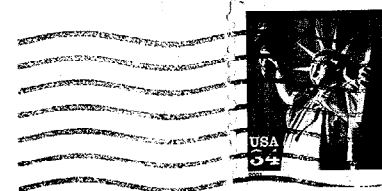
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